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## Termination of Tenured Professor to be Considered

by Wendy Townley

A tenured faculty member at the University of Nebraska at Omaha could be terminated.

According to Shelton Hendricks, president of faculty senate, hearings scheduled for Tuesday will determine the status of the faculty member.

"I can not say anything at this time," Hendricks said Thursday. "All the information is confidential."

According to an E-mail sent out by Michael J. O'Hara, chair of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, President Smith is "considering the termination of a tenured faculty member."

The E-mail strongly encourages university faculty and professors to alter their final exam schedule to accommodate the upcoming hearings. It said that the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee moves "expeditiously" on any such action.

Earlier in the week, the hearing was determined to be private, O'Hara said.

According to O'Hara, the complaint filed against the tenured faculty member was filed in mid-March.

The first meeting then occurred on April 24, deciding that the investigation should continue.

On Monday, admissible evidence and witnesses will be gathered. This is to speed up the hearing, O'Hara said. This prehearing will then advance on to President Smith and the Board of Regents. "The Board of Regents will have the final say as to what the outcome of employment status of this faculty member will be," O'Hara said.

O'Hara expects the board to vote during the June regent meeting.

## Nelson Gets Pinned



Chancellor Belck, above right, fastens a UNO pin depicting the Bell Tower on Gov. Ben Nelson. The event on Wednesday afternoon was Principal and Counselor Day. Nelson spoke to those attending about the need to raise academic standards in Nebraska schools. He encouraged the administrators to work against "brain drain" (Nebraska's brightest students leaving the state for college).

## Nine Lives Later, Aerosmith is Still Rockin'



Left to right, Joey Kramer, Brad Whitford, Tom Hamilton and Joe Perry, members of Aerosmith, are currently on tour. Steven Tyler, front, kicks up his heels between performances.

by Tim Mills

If things had been different in Sunapee, N.H., during the summer of 1970, the history of rock 'n' roll would not be the same. It was during that landmark summer that a band called "the Jam" fell apart, leaving guitarist Joe Perry and bassist Tom Hamilton searching for new partners. That same summer a scrawny vocalist named Steven Tyler was searching for new musical partners. The three joined forces, added drummer Joey Kramer, — and another guitarist, Brad Whitford — moved to Boston, Mass. and the legendary Aerosmith was born.

Nearly 30 years later, Aerosmith has released its 12th studio album cleverly titled, *Nine Lives*. The album debuted at the No. 1 spot on the Billboard charts proving that rock 'n' roll truly "never forgets." Shortly after the album's release date in May 1997, the band kicked off a world tour in Europe that went on to cover three continents. One year later, the band is winding down the tour

with a string of Midwest dates including a stop in Omaha on May 7.

Despite recent successes, Aerosmith, like many rock bands, has faced its fair share of hurdles. In 1979, Perry left the band to pursue a solo career. Two years later, Whitford left to record with another musician.

With two of the band's nine lives gone, they reunited in 1984 and headed out on the aptly titled "Back in the Saddle" tour. During this time, members earned reputations as quality musicians — and hard-partying rock stars. In fact, Perry and Tyler became known as the "toxic twins" because of their well-documented drug shenanigans. Through the haze, however, the band recorded the 1985 album *Done with Mirrors*, which would become a milestone in their careers.

"It was obvious after we'd (recorded *Mirrors*), that even though we liked it, it wasn't our best work and there were a lot of things con-

tributing to that," Hamilton recalled.

The album marked the beginning of Aerosmith's continued journey through sobriety.

"It was pretty much this big choice we had to make, 'Be in a band and make good albums or get high,'" Hamilton said. "It was that simple, but it wasn't easy."

Soon after, the band became the rock 'n' roll world's poster boys for the Reagan era "Just Say No" campaign — a distinction that soon tired them.

"It's not like we're a traveling group of preachers," Hamilton said. "There is plenty in life that we let ourselves enjoy. It's just that right at the moment we're abstaining from that particular aspect."

Their decision to get clean had nothing to do with any kind of campaign. Instead, it was motivated by the musicians' desire to live their rock 'n' roll dreams.

"We wanted to have a band. We wanted to lead this life and make see AEROSMITH, Page 11



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# Thrifty Student Runs For Millard School Board

by Wendy Townley

Bob Lamberty, 22, is not a typical college student. A graduate of Millard South High School and a UNO senior, Lamberty's eyes are not only looking toward an upcoming student teaching position, but a seat on the Millard Public School Board.

"I guess I was always a pretty vocal student in school," Lamberty said Tuesday. "People knew who I was, and knew that if there was an opinion to be heard, it was probably going to be from me."

While at UNO, Lamberty stayed involved, becoming a student ambassador this year and a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Lamberty said he first decided to run because Millard shares a common problem with UNO: apathy.

"I looked at the paper and there were only two people that had even registered for the position, and I thought, doesn't anyone care about where our (Millard) school system is going?" he said.

After attending a candidate's forum, he realized his potential. "I felt like I wanted to give them a wake-up call ... and after I was at this forum, I realized that these people really don't have anything on me except for some degrees that I haven't received yet," he said.

Lamberty sees the position as more about common sense, enthusiasm and caring about what happens to people. "I realized that the people in Millard need somebody to be straightforward and honest with them. I felt like there was way too much political skirting going on," he said.

Outside of running for this position, Lamberty has acted as vice president of Pi Kappa Alpha. "It's (vice presidency) kind of like a microcosm; you still have to delegate, and you still have to



photo by Chris Machan

Bob Lamberty talks about his goals if elected to the Millard School Board. He admits his age may hold him back.

manage different people in different areas," he said.

Lamberty is entering this campaign with optimism.

"In all honesty, I'm kind of going at this green," Lamberty said. "I'm going into it saying I'm going to give it my best and hope that my enthusiasm and desire to do it will carry me through."

With the commitment of a weekly school-board meeting, in addition to classes, Lamberty said he is not worried about the balancing act.

"I'm going to be busy," he said. "I've had to juggle my schedule before, so I'm not real concerned about that; I think I can work around that."

Lamberty sees himself as a good student, where he is able to work with his professors around this position. "It's just more of an organization issue than anything," he said.

Lamberty said that there will not be a "conflict of interest" with him student teaching next spring. "I'll be working in the Omaha Public School system, and not the Millard system."

One concern Millard voters may have to Lamberty is that he is only 22 years old, possibly still wet behind the ears.

"I am willing to sit down and talk to people; I'm not an idiot," he said. "I feel like it's (Millard School Board) a pretty elitist group right now. I feel like the board right now tends to talk over people, rather than with people."

"You don't need much more than desire; and I have knowledge about the Millard school district," Lamberty said. "I went to school there for nine years; I realize what goes on within each level. They can do all of their analysis and studies, but they're not actually in it. I was actually in it, I know

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From left to right, Elvira Garcia, chair of department of foreign languages; Dr. Walter Mathews, vice chancellor candidate; Jerry Cederblom, professor in the Goodrich program; and Angela Valle, Spanish professor, talk about Mathews' plans for the vice chancellor for academic affairs position.

## Vice Chancellor Candidate Mathews Experiences UNO

by Wendy Townley

Walter M. Mathews, a candidate for academic affairs, was on campus Monday and Tuesday visiting with students and faculty.

Mathews has had an extensive career, including the positions of professor and university dean of Academic Affairs at Long Island University, professor and chairperson for the Department of

Administration and Policy Studies at Hofstra University in New York, and coordinator of Research and Testing in the Madison Public Schools. He also has had several journal articles published nationwide.

This is Mathews' first time in Omaha, as well as Nebraska. Tuesday, Mathews said that UNO is a "lovely facility. Your campus is well maintained, well designed, well laid out and conveniently located."

For a commuter campus, such as UNO, to get dorms, he said is a "great idea. One of the difficulties, the limitations of a commuter campus is that it doesn't have a full sense of community. It's too easy for a student to come in, take a class, then drive off, go home and watch television. Independence is an im-

portant component of higher education."

Mathews met with Student President/Regent Joey Sanchez, as well as other UNO students Tuesday. Mathews said that the five students he met, he found to be "bright, articulate, as well as having concern and dedication to UNO."

If chosen for this position, Mathews said that some things need to be looked at. "(We should) ensure that the focus is on student learning, not just on teachers, and integrate the academic affairs side of the university with the student-services side," he said. "There is a concern I have about student retention, if students are going to be recruited to come to this campus; it's important that we understand why they choose to leave and not reach graduation. If the wrong students are being attracted, then maybe we need to ... readjust the way we are behaving as a faculty and a community so that we are more accepting, encouraging and nurturing, so that the students that come to this university come not only for their freshman year, but for their sophomore year and so on."

### One Down, None to Go?

Stanley Hille, dean of Business Administration, said Tuesday that Dr. Nancy Marlin, the second candidate for vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, has accepted a position at San Diego State University.

She no longer is in contention for the vice chancellor position.

As chair of the search committee, Hille said that this is now "in Dr. Belok's hands. I have no idea what she is planning to do."

Currently, Dr. Walter Mathews is the only candidate in contention. Hille said that a second candidate could visit the university.

## From The Archives: Credit Card Classes

**Charge It! - June 8, 1973**

The age of the credit card has arrived at UNO. The cashier's office, located in the Administration Building, recently finalized plans that will allow students to charge their tuition through BankAmericard or Mastercharge. Students can take advantage of the service beginning with the first summer session, 1973, according to George Verootis, head cashier. Tu-

ition, fees and books can all be charges.

The idea is not entirely new. Students on the Lincoln campus have had the service since the spring semester of 1972. The UNO Medical Center instituted their credit plans March 1, 1973.

"It's another move in the area of student services," said Verootis. The cashier's office introduced a delayed tuition plan in the fall of 1972.

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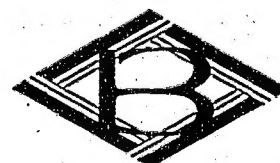
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# Gateway Opinion

## Semester in Review

opinion by Stephen Croucher

This spring semester, I've heard the same things over and over again. "We need to focus on minority retention. Residence Halls will change UNO forever. Chancellor Belck has changed UNO forever. The image of student government needs to be improved. Parking is such a problem." Bla, bla, bla.

So much attention and energy has been devoted to these issues, but have the blood, sweat and tears been worth it?

First, minority retention.

Ever since my first semester here at UNO, this has been a big issue. The administration and staff has devoted a lot of time and energy to it. However, shouldn't the university be worried about and putting all of its energy into "student" retention, instead of just "minority" retention?

I know that minority retention is a problem at UNO that needs to be addressed, but minorities are not the only students who leave school. Many students leave UNO for a variety of reasons, may those reasons be personal, financial or medical.

Unfortunately, it appears as though the university only cares about minority retention, not student retention in general.

Maybe it's just the language used by the administration that confuses me. But in the future, the university should focus on programs that help retain and emphasize all students, not just minorities.

Second, residence halls.

In November of 1997, the University of Nebraska chose Century Development to finance and build UNO dormitories; or as Chancellor Belck calls them, residence halls.

In fact, Belck was quoted in the *Omaha World-Herald* Nov. 25, 1997 issue as saying, "Dorms, are those little rooms with johns down the hall? For many students used to residence-hall living, dorms are a four-letter word that means small and cramped and crowded."

Belck also told the April 28, 1998 *Gateway* that residential housing on the UNO campus has been one of her greatest successes as chancellor.

In reality, these dorms will only have a marginal impact on the UNO student body. The proposed residence halls will only be able to house 576 students. And don't expect to be one of the students residing in these hallowed halls. Specific sectors of the student

body will be given first dibs on the residence halls. International students, athletes and honors students will be the first students eligible to reside in the halls. All other students will be stuck out in the cold.

But the university has proposed that more halls might be built in the future — that really helps a student who graduates in three years.

All these halls will really do is allow 576 students to live on campus, that's it.

Third, Chancellor Belck has changed UNO forever.

Even though Belck has had a strong impact on the campus thus far, she still has a lot of work to do.

If you ask the typical UNO student what kind of job Belck is doing, most of them will say they have no idea who she is or what she has done.

In order to have a powerful impact and influence on the future of UNO, Belck needs to find the time to reach out to even more students. She needs to meet with students even more. Find more time, make more time, no matter how difficult it may appear.

Fourth, the image of UNO Student Government needs to be improved.

UNO Student President/Regent Joey Sanchez told the Oct. 31, 1997 *Gateway*, "First, I'll start with working on increasing the image of UNO Student Government," he said. "To do this, I'll try to increase student involvement and create tangible results for students from Student Government."

In reality though, many students don't care about what government is doing. Most care about their lives, activities and studies. Many students don't have the time to worry about Student Government.

But Sanchez promised he'd increase the image of UNO Student Government. Well, we're still waiting for those tangible results.

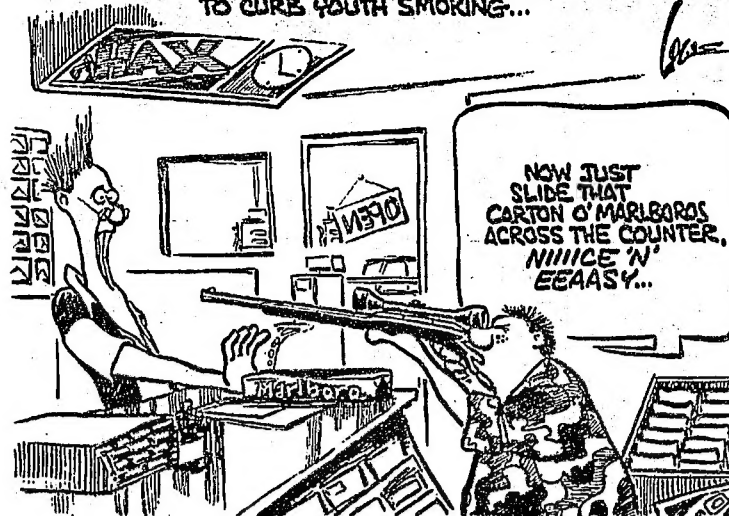
Finally, parking.

This issue will never be resolved, and students and staff need to accept that and quit groaning about it.

All in all, this semester was monumental for UNO, but it wasn't all that monumental. These great achievements and advancements are only skin deep and barely puncture the surface here at UNO.

***This issue will never be resolved, and students and staff need to accept that and quit groaning about it.***

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## Are You Finished With That Semester?

opinion by Sean Guilfoyle

As the end of the semester nears, the urgency on campus is heightened. Students are scrambling to get their projects completed. Papers, assigned at the beginning of the semester, are now coming due. The library is chock full of whimsical little minds who have set procrastination aside, hoping to cram a semester's worth of textbook into a final few days. The computer labs are understaffed and overfilled, as the campus network reaches all-time highs in usage.

Yes, the end of the semester is a frightening thing. Many people crack under the pressure of finals, while others take a more light-hearted approach to the end of the school year.

My study habits are less than desirable, and quite frankly, are extremely bad. When it comes to studying, I am the king of procrastination. When I have free time, there is nothing on television, but when I have an exam or assignment for the next day, every channel is seeping with useful and insightful programming (Jerry Springer, Howard Stern, etc.). I can play video games, wash my car, spend time with my girlfriend, read the paper, even help other people do their class work. I just can't bring myself to sacrifice precious time.

I try to justify my actions. I'll tell myself there is plenty of time to study. I will even "map out" my day, giving a certain block of time to study. But, as that block of time is interrupted for more "important" issues, my procrastination really starts to shine through. Soon though, my worry gets the best of me. I will eventually leave myself only enough time to study right before the exam. My alarm will go off three hours prematurely, to get myself up for preparation. Yes, I admit it. I'm a crammer. I've been told time and time again that "cramming" is not good or useful, but it seems to work for me. Putting pressure on myself to study early is not convincing enough, yet the deadline of the forthcoming exam gets my study juices flowing.

I say there is nothing wrong with cramming. I study what needs to be studied. I cut right to the chase, take the exam, and in most cases, do well. This is not a procedure I recommend for students. Only those with the strongest of minds, the bravest of souls are equipped for such dastardly tactics.

So it's the end of the semester. Do the professors try and wedge all of their unfinished assignments into the final few weeks? Or do they become increasingly "sensitive" as the professor evaluations are circulated in each class. The evaluations give the students empowerment, once a semester. We grade the professors, just as the professors have graded us. Are they living up to expectations? Do they meet all of the requirements to fulfill the classroom experience? Was your friend simply batty when telling you this professor was easy? This is all done through a series of about 10 questions on bubble sheet. These questions, however, are too standardized. The only recourse for deviation from the sterile questions is the few lines on the back where you can write, in your own words, what you liked best about the course, and what you liked worse about the course.

I wonder who gets to read all of the comments that are made on the back page. Are they taken into consideration when deciding on the future of a professor, or are they read and tossed into the wastebasket, giving the administration a few good chuckles. I would hope they have a bearing on the future of classes, but then again, tenure (enough said).

Surprisingly enough, I have asked to take one of my finals early. A trip out of town has led me to prioritize my school career (the Yankees are in Kansas City). I have a few days to study, but why waste them with my nose stuck in a textbook? I'd rather set the alarm, kick start my heart with a little fear, then take my final. To have never crammed is to have never lived.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Gateway:

As the semester draws to a close, I wanted to say thanks to the Gateway for its ongoing coverage of medical news and activities taking place at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. I want to give special thanks to Colleen Sergeant and Christine Kasel for all their diligence in covering the UNMC beat. We really appreciate the coverage. It certainly shows that cooperation and communication are alive and well between the two Omaha campuses.

**Tom O'Connor**  
Senior Associate Director/UNMC  
Public Affairs

Dear Editor,

**SAY IT AIN'T SO, UNO STUDENT DEMOCRATS!**

Do you really make up rules and vote at taverns without consulting our Constitution or Bylaws?

Is it true that it is too difficult to provide our members with a copy of our Constitution or Bylaws?

Vice-President, Rasheem Coleman: Did you mean it when you said "I said it counts, and so it counts?"

Did the President, Rebecca Hammond really mean it when she said "If you don't like it, you can leave!"?

I have many more questions, but will ask them in later issues.

**Tom Owens**  
Student, Democrat

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# Summer Happenings around UNO

by Colleen Sergeant

Campus may appear to be a ghost town during the summer months, but there are some exciting things going on behind the scenes.

The Outdoor Venture Center (OVC) has 26 activities planned for the summer, according to Joel Bauch. Bauch, director of OVC, said in addition to the trips planned, a whole progression of workshops are being held which are designed to teach beginners basic through intermediate outdoor skills to attack more advanced trips offered later in the summer.

Here are some trips OVC has planned:

- May 9-17: Adirondack Mountains Backpacking Trip in New York
- July 2-6: Rockclimbing trip to Colorado
- July 12-18: Buffalo River Canoeing Trip in Arkansas
- August 8-15: Caving Trip in Virginia

There will also be several weekend trips on canoeing, white-water rafting, kayaking and rockclimbing throughout the summer.

Summer months are a busy time for sororities preparing to attract new members and now fraternities are adding a new twist to the action.

"Fraternities are moving from rush to recruitment because the term recruitment means actually going out and getting the quality men," said Barb Treadway, greek advisor. The concept change was the decision of the National Interfraternity Council.

According to Treadway, the structure for fraternity recruitment will not be formal like rush, because they can recruit

365 days a year. Mike Cunningham, Intrafraternity Council rush chair, will facilitate teamwork among the four fraternities to recruit this summer, not for the benefit of individual organizations, but for the entire greek system.

Cunningham is setting up a fraternity forum to bring together the four fraternities for an information session and picnic to which freshman will be invited.

"We have about 175 fraternity men and I think there could be a lot more if they recruit a little differently," Treadway said.

Orientation leaders will provide the first impression for incoming freshman and transfer students this summer. The six student leaders will conduct 28 student orientations, as well as four parent sessions. "Our main strategy is to promote and feature student involvement as the key to transitioning to UNO," said David Cicotello, director of orientation and first-year programs. A slide-show presentation, skit and survival guide program are tools that will be used to get students interested.

"Research has shown that an increased level of social and academic integration correlates to increased student retention," Cicotello said.

Orientation leaders could use the help of all students.

"When you see groups of anxious faces following an orientation leader dressed in a red Maverick polo and khaki shorts, greet our new students with a warm hello," Cicotello said.

Seven students chosen this semester to serve on the Stu-

dent Leadership Team will be planning the Fall Leadership Conference to be held Sept. 19. The students selected are:

- Mike Bauer, sessions coordinator
- Daniel Bagley, promotions coordinator
- Ian Barnes, themes coordinator
- Jaclyn Anderson, activity coordinator
- Dawnetta Shuput, spring leadership coordinator
- Sarah Thillander, assistant
- Jennifer Feregrino, assistant

This summer each member will be working on different tasks within their position, according to Jaclyn Anderson, member of the team.

"From the Fall Leadership Conference, students will learn how to contribute and work effectively in a group to make their organization the best it can be," Anderson said.

Tara Knudsen, director of Student Organization and Leadership Development and advisor of the Fall Leadership Team, said 84 was the highest registration in recent years and the team hopes to top that with their attendance goal of 100.

Look for the mailing that will be sent out later this summer.

Those feeling adventurous should contact the Outdoor Venture Center at 554-2258.

For more information about the greek system, contact the Student Organization and Leadership Development office at 554-2711.

The printing press will still be humming this summer. Look for Gateway issues weekly for more updates on summer happenings in the metropolitan area.

## Campus Calendar

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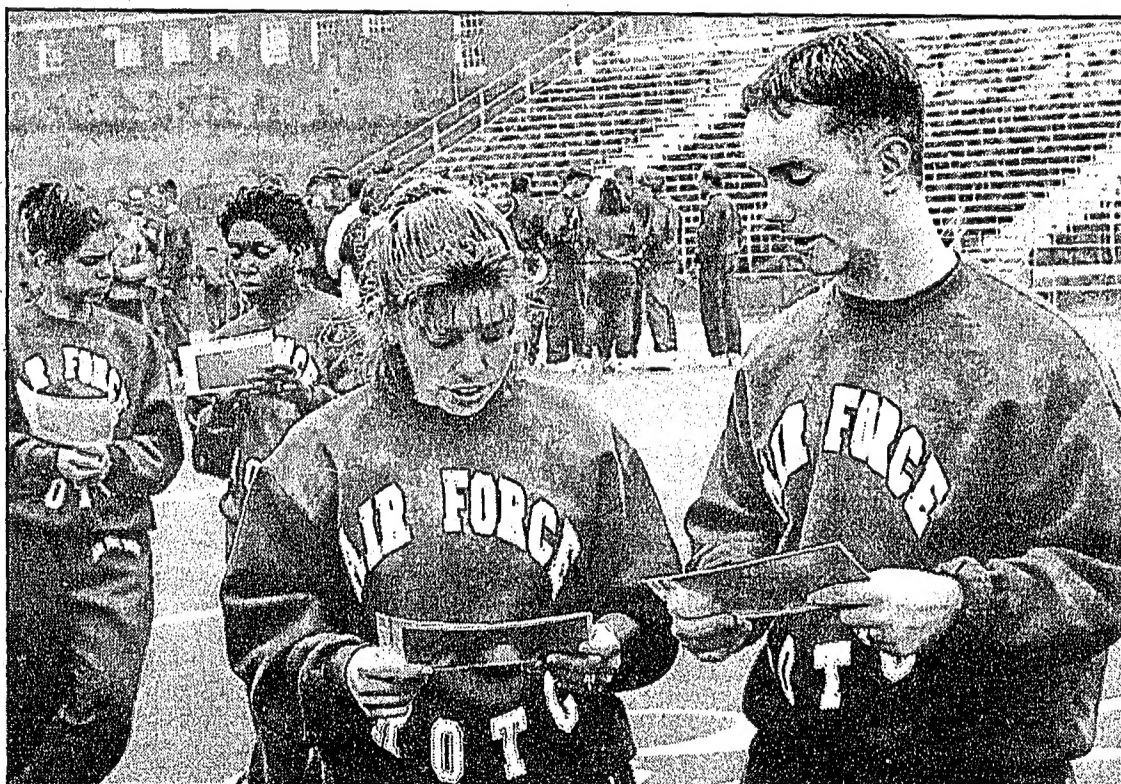
Dr. Donald Grandgenett graduated from Omaha University in 1958 with a BS in Education, earned a Masters Degree in Educational Administration from Omaha University in 1965, and a Doctorate degree in Education (Ed.D.) from Arizona State University in 1967.

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## Air Force ROTC Find Themselves in a Situation



Air Force ROTC students practice a group leadership exercise on the football field Wednesday afternoon. The exercise simulated a prison escape situation where the students had to discover who the escapee is.

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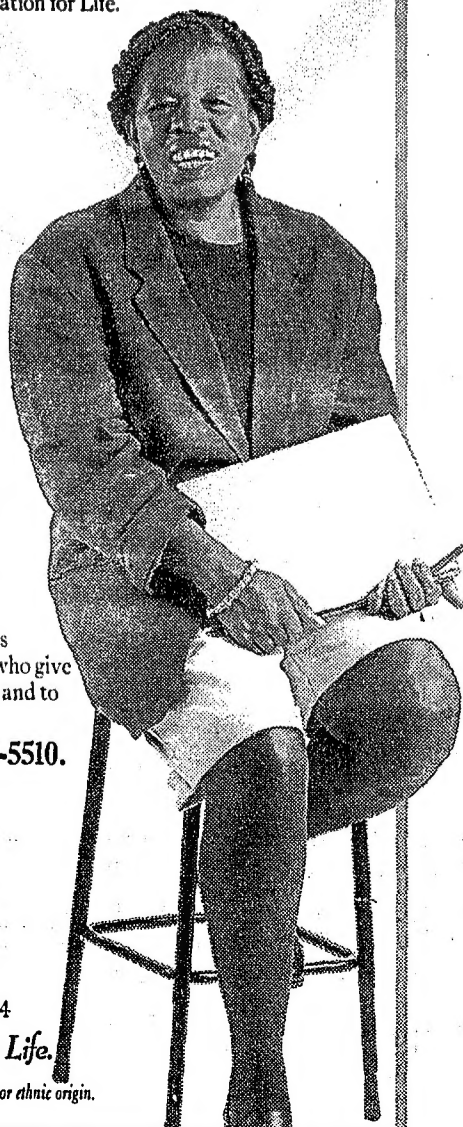
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## Make an Informed Decision

by Renee Ryan

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Many voters are so busy they have little time to investigate and examine candidates up for election. The Project Smart Vote (PSV) is a national, non-partisan and non-profit organization. According to their fact sheet, they do not support or oppose any cause or candidate. Ninety-five percent of the staff of PSV are volunteers or interns working for a minimal salary.

The organization began in 1992 and has grown to provide:

- Voter's Research Hotline 1-800-622-7627. The information service makes available free direct access to factual information on all elected officials and candidates for federal and gubernatorial office.

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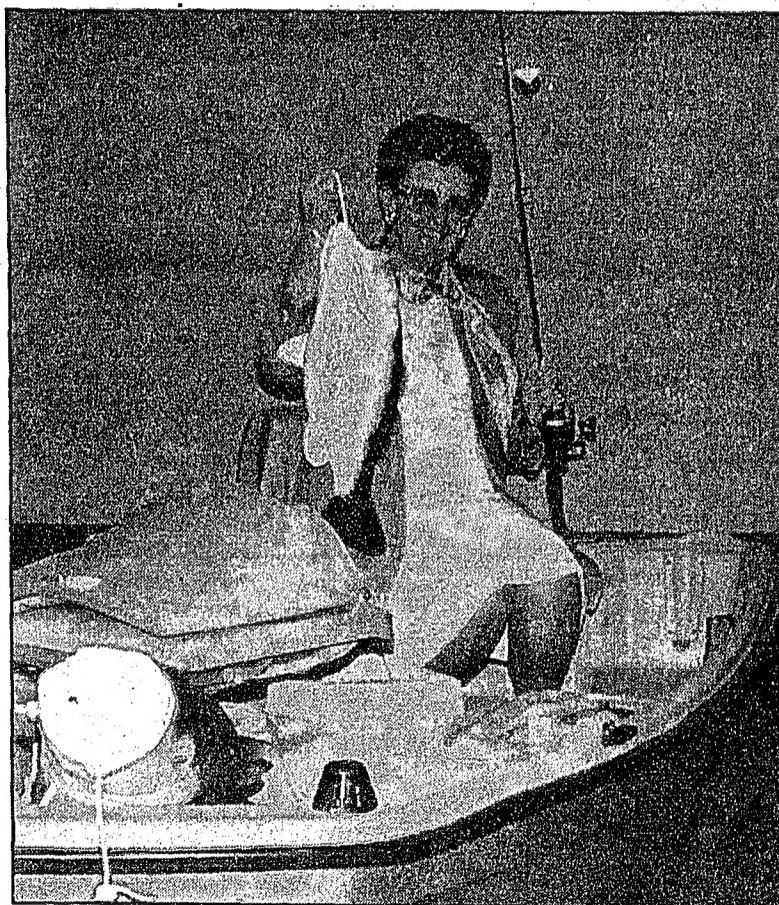
- National Political Awareness Test. In 1996, 13,000 candidates for national office were tested. The results of those tests are available through the Voter's Research Hotline and the Vote Smart Web site.

- The Vote Smart Web ([www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org)). This is a researcher-assisted universe of political information on federal and state incumbents and challengers.

Most recently, the PSV has unveiled a powerful tool for Nebraska citizens to track campaign contributions to Nebraska legislators. Previously available only on federal candidates, the new information focuses on members of state legislature, the governor and lieutenant governor.

According to Ed Joyce, communications director at PSV, better informed voters make better decisions at the polls. If they are given an opportunity to see who is paying for what campaigns, they can see any patterns. He said, "Then they make their own decisions and draw conclusions. We don't do that; we are a non-partisan group."

## Connie's Goin' Fishin



Claussen shows her catch, a boat given to her for her retirement. The boat is a small sturdy vessel with an electric motor. Some of those at her retirement party asked her how she would get it home.

## Claussen Leaves Legacy

Connie Claussen has touched many lives in her career at UNO; and her retirement party was a clear indication of that.

Claussen has been Associate Athletic Director at UNO for over three decades. At a dinner in her honor, Monday, she was applauded by a full house at the downtown Double Tree Hotel. The crowd was full of alumni and staff with some current UNO students scattered about.

Many dignitaries such as Chancellor Nancy Belck, Regent Rosemary Skrupa, Athletic Director Bob Danenhauer and Dr. Del Weber spoke fondly of Claussen and her many

contributions to the university. She is known for her dream of women's athletics at UNO. She started the Pepsi Women's Walk and has raised funds for women's sports ever since.

Claussen recalled the facilities or lack thereof when she came to UNO. The first buildings for sports and were metal curved-top structures. When Claussen began at UNO there were no facilities. Over the years her dedication and fund-raising abilities have made all the difference.

Among her remarks, Claussen said in 35 years at UNO, she has never received a parking ticket.



# Forensics Season Ends With a Bang

by Helen Evans

Hard work and dedication throughout the year for the UNO forensics team has paid off.

The team, which started their competitive season off with a bang in Sept. 1997, has ended their season with an even bigger bang.

From April 3-6, the team rumbled with the top 110 teams in the nation at the American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament (AFA). The tournament was held by the University of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff, Ariz.

UNO was represented by senior Dave Jackson, junior Christine Mixan and sophomore Stephen Croucher.

Jackson competed in prose interpretation, interpretation of poetry, program of oral interpretation (POI) and duo interpretation with Mixan.

Jackson also broke to quarter-finals in POI. This means Jackson's POI is one of the top 24 in the country. Besides competing in duo interpretation with Jackson, Mixan also competed in persuasive speaking and dramatic interpretation.

Mixan also broke her persuasive speech to semifinals. Reaching semifinals means her speech is one of the top 12

persuasive speeches in the nation.

Croucher competed in informative speaking, persuasive speaking, extemporaneous speaking, after dinner speaking and

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communication analysis.

Overall, the team placed 29th out of 110 teams in the nation. UNO proved quality is more important than quantity, especially at a national tournament. UNO's placement at this tournament is also one of the best performances by any UNO speech team in university history.

This national tournament was not the end of the UNO com-

petitive season though. Mixan competed at Interstate Oratory (ISO) in Springfield, Ill. on April 24-25. This tournament was very successful for Mixan and she reached semifinals. Mixan is the first UNO student to ever reach semifinals at ISO.

For the past 126 years, this tournament has been reserved for the top two persuasive speakers in each state's collegiate speech tournament. In fact, when this tournament first began, men and women divisions were separate.

Mixan qualified for this tournament by winning first in persuasion at the Nebraska state tournament. This was the second year in a row that UNO won first place in persuasive speaking at the state championship.

After ISO, the competitive season came to an official end. The team now has time to reflect upon the past year. "I'm very proud of this team. They did very well this year. They were competitive and they were good sports," said Melissa Jahn, the director of UNO forensics.

## UNO Summer Hours Start

Summer hours at UNO will begin Monday, May 11 and conclude Friday Aug. 14. Regular business hours will be 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

According to a UNO memo, departments will be asked to remain open with a minimal staff until 5 p.m., have their telephones forwarded to an office that is open until 5 p.m. or have a pre-recorded message on their phones after 4:30 that states summer hours as 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

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# AAO Has Shift in Office

Stephen Croucher

UNO's African American Organization (AAO) held officer elections last week.

Rasheen Coleman was voted in as the new president and Michelle Bell was nominated as the new vice president.

Former president and active member, LaTosha Dale, said, "I was pleased to see such qualified people have an interest in leading one of the most important organizations on UNO's campus."

According to the organization's mission statement, the purpose of AAO is to assist students of African ancestry in the realization of their goals.

It provides a network of African-American student representation, participation in university and community affairs, and promotes cultural awareness and intellectual growth.

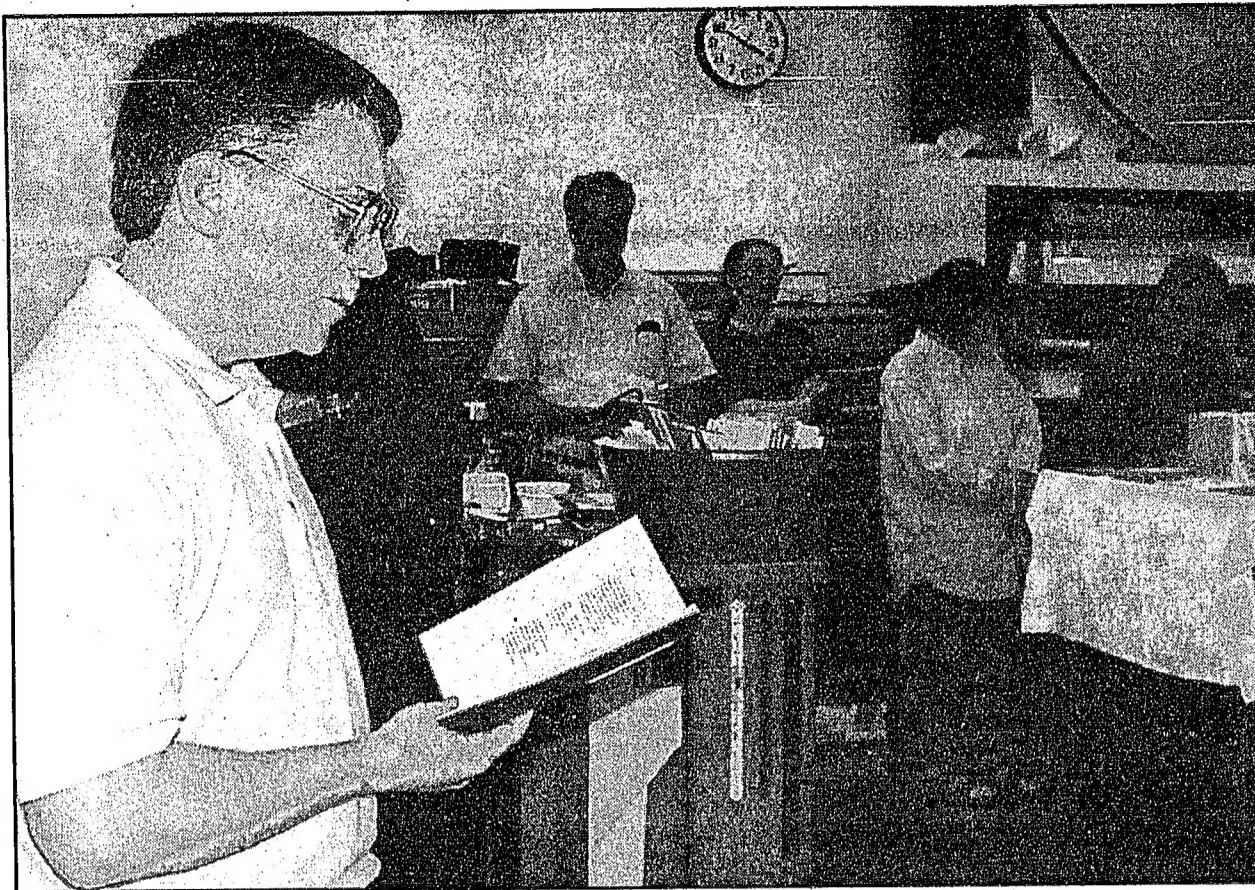
AAO offers three types of membership standings:

- Active members are required to pay a yearly or semester fee and are entitled to full privileges.
- An associate member is any individual who has served and participated as a member but has left the organization.
- Advisor members are individuals who have distinguished themselves by valuable service on behalf of the organization's ideas.

In order to facilitate the organization's

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## Poetry Reading Contributes to Anniversary Celebration



George O'Connell, a former UNO writer's workshop professor, reads from his new book of poems called "Finding The Range." The event was held to celebrate the 25-year anniversary of the Fine Arts program at UNO. O'Connell is currently an assistant professor in New York.

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# UNO News In Brief

## Graduation

May Commencement Ceremonies will be held at 9:30 a.m. on May 9 at the Aksarben Coliseum.

## Power Plant of the Year

Academic awards aren't the only honors UNO departments can receive. The UNO Facilities Management and Planning has been awarded the Power Plant of the Year Award. The honor is given by the local chapter of National Association of Power Engineers (NAPE,) which is made up of stationary engineers from around the country. Career enhancement, knowledge and education are the principles to which NAPE is dedicated. Mike Miller, manager of the plant, said the award is well-deserved.

## Soccer Coach Finalists

The position of women's head soccer coach should be filled in early May. The three finalists for the position have been on campus this week. John O'Leary from Bloomsdale, Pa. is in his fifth season of coaching at Bloomsburg University. With a record of 46-37-6, he has led the Huskies to three consecutive 10-win seasons.

Don Klosterman of Omaha has been the boy's head soccer coach at Millard South High School since 1987. He was also head coach at Benedictine College in Kansas and Creighton University.

Joann Wolf lives in St. Louis and has started two NCAA Division II programs in her nine years of collegiate coaching. She was the first women's soccer coach at New Mexico Highlands University and Drury College.

## Communications Luncheon

The 43rd annual Communications Awards Luncheon will be held Friday, May 8, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom. The event will be an opportunity to honor outstanding alumni, students and other communication professionals.

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what works, what doesn't."

Lamberty said Tuesday that he is just an "ordinary guy. I'm nobody that claims to have expertise in one particular area. I care about what's going to happen to our (Millard) schools."

Lamberty thinks that Millard schools are "good, but there are ways that they can improve."

As far as public and financial endorsements go, Lamberty has received neither. "I don't have any money. I'm a col-

lege student. I've spent \$6.83 on my campaign. This was for the registration fee, and I had to make some copies," he said.

"It shouldn't be the amount of dollars you put into it," he said. "It should be the amount you care, more than the money."

The primary elections will be held May 12, determining Lamberty's status on whether to continue campaigning.

"I know some people say my odds are long, people say I don't have much of a chance; others say I do," he said. "All I have to say is that stranger things have happened."

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purposes, AAO provides its members with various opportunities.

All members understand and exchange cultural awareness, instill positive attitudes, and motivate acceptable, productive life skills.

Also, each member has the opportunity to give people of African ancestry a greater knowledge and understanding of the histories and cultures of African people around the world in order to strengthen their self-concept and sense of personal and ethnic dignity.

Finally, the members promote the study of and concern for current affairs so each individual can be better equipped to develop and effectively use their talents, abilities and tac-

tics for survival in today's world.

The focus of this newly elected committee is to channel their energies into retention of minority students, to get involved in more community service, to establish tutorial and mentoring programs and to organize a newsletter, "Underground Railroad."

Sharif Liwaru, active member, commented on the organization's future. "Anytime a majority of staff is replaced in an organization, there will be changes based on the new candidates' ideas and concepts. I do believe that the change will yield positive results," said Liwaru.



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## Starting at The Ground Floor



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Shawn Shannon, foreground, is laying out material and tying it together for the Fieldhouse floor. Shannon works for Dakota Construction Inc. Workers are getting ready for cement trucks which should arrive in the next couple of days. The Fieldhouse has not had a wood floor since the 1970's. Funding for the new floor came from an anonymous donation of \$175,000. As part of the renovation, the concourse between Caniglia Field and the Fieldhouse will also be closed due to demolition. During the construction phase, the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building's tunnel doors will act as the temporary doors. Construction is scheduled to be completed by July 1.

## Library Finals Week Hours May 3-7

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records and tour. We saw that threatened," Hamilton explained. "We were at the end of the line of trying to juggle it. We really saw it coming for a long time, but I think everybody had this fantasy that we could somehow make it all work."

Today, the band has been sober more than a decade, but that has not ceased the challenges they face. Shortly before recording *Nine Lives*, Kramer's father died and the drummer took a leave from the band.

"Right before we started playing, Joey got sick," Hamilton said. "He went into a depression that was so profound for him that he needed to get away from this whole thing and get help with that."

According to USA Today, the band brought in Steve Ferrone to play drums and went into the studio because, as Hamilton put it, "the baby was ready to come."

This would not be the final obstacle in putting together *Nine Lives*.

"The combination of Joey not being there and the way we recorded added up to where we got ready to mix and realized that we still had a lot of recording to do," Hamilton recalled. "But unfortunately, our producer, Glen Ballard, was already committed to another project."

Kramer returned, "in his best form." Kevin Shirley was brought in to produce and the boys returned to the studio to finish this Aerosmith experiment.

"We've made a lot of use of just exploring different styles," Hamilton said. "We don't go into the studio and say, 'We're only going to be a rock band and we're not going to do any of that other creepy stuff that people are doing these days.' We're making use of loops and samples and weird stuff and trying to take a little detour into that side just to see how it would sound with our classic style and it worked. It comes out and it's Aerosmith."

With current projects flourishing and future ones looking prosperous, when asked what his best Aerosmith moments were Hamilton didn't hesitate. "The moments we're having right now."

Those moments are made even better by the change in the make-up of the band's live audience. "There's more women in our audience than in the '70s," Hamilton said. "It's really good because a lot of the women that come to our shows seem to feel it's a place where they can express

themselves in a safe place.

"It's nice to have a place where you can kind of go over the top and it's the expected, OK thing to do."

Going over the top is something members of Aerosmith have been known to do from time to time, and maybe that's what has allowed the band's staying power. Or, maybe it's because of what Hamilton described as the band's overriding philosophy: "Just try it."

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# Lady Mavs Run to Wood Relays

Track team prepares for conference meet

by Andy Nordmeier

The Lady Mav track team is gearing up for the weekend's Howard Wood Relays in preparation for next week's North Central Conference meet in Sioux City, Iowa.

The Howard Wood Relays will have the Lady Mavs as a full team, but head coach Tim Hendricks will not load up the relays.

"Everyone from the mile run up will only run one event," Hendricks said, "and we will be taking everybody."

This gives the Lady Mavs their first real chance to see the conference before next weekend's meet and help to gauge the competition. It also allows the team to find out what times and distances could be needed to win in Sioux City.

All of this points to the conference meet. It could be a three-team race between the Lady Mavs, North Dakota State and South Dakota State. The team that may play the role of the spoiler is Northern Colorado.

"They are going to step into the picture," Hendricks said, "and we will need help from them in distance, throwing and field events to offset South Dakota State."

"Right now we can match anybody on the track but we need help on our throws so South Dakota State can't rack up big points."

One of the most important factors is the weather and keeping the team healthy for the next month. Hendricks noted how the team wants to be "mentally and physically fresh."

The Lady Mavs will have one final shot to qualify runners for nationals at the Last Chance Meet at Concordia

May 13. This would be the third of three opportunities the Lady Mavs have to load up for nationals.

The Lady Mavs are coming off a good showing at last weekend's Drake Relays and the Nebraska Wesleyan Open.

At Drake, the mile relay squad of Reisha Vanterpool, Karissa Foight, Sandy Derby and Carri Butler finished second in the event in 3:42.41. Iowa Wesleyan, led by three Jamaican runners, won in a time of 3:41.99. Conference foe South Dakota was third in 3:42.80.

The sprint medley relay broke the school record by over five seconds but finished seventh in the event with a time of 4:07.78. The four-some of Butler, Jamie Erkes, Kelly Koziol and Shannon Williams pulled off the record-setting feat.

At Nebraska Wesleyan, the Lady Mavs were led by a 1-2-3-4 finish in the 3000-meter run. Becky Goltz won the event in 10:38. Niki Dorcas was a second behind Goltz, Michelle Patterson was third in 10:48 and Theresa Sanderson broke the tape in 10:53 to round out the sweep.

Jamie Erkes, who ran in the 60-meter hurdles at both Drake and Nebraska Wesleyan, finished second at Nebraska Wesleyan. Teammate Lashonta McReynolds won the event in 14.43 seconds.

Sarah Tate won the 200-meter run and finished second in the 100-meter run. Cathy Craig was second in the 200 meters and also second in the long jump. Missy Damman won the 400-meter hurdles (67.50 seconds).



Lashonta McReynolds fine tunes her hurdling form before the Howard Wood Relays in Sioux Falls, S.D.

photo by Steve Houlton

## Sports Shorts

### Gems on the Diamond

Two Lady Mav softball players have earned North Central Conference player of the week honors. Catcher/designated hitter Beth Abramson, who hit .519 with four doubles, five runs scored, a homer and 11 RBI on the week, split the award with South Dakota's Keri Brown. Brown had comparable numbers to Abramson.

Pitcher Kelly Secord's week didn't go unnoticed either. Secord was named the conference's pitcher of the week after posting a 3-0 mark, a save and an ERA of 1.12 in six appearances. She capped off the week with a six-hit shutout of Augustana. These are the first Lady Mavs to win the award this season.

### Poll News

The Lady Mavs are still missing from the NCAA Division II top-20 softball poll. In conference, Augustana sits at third, St. Cloud State checks in at No. 11 and North Dakota State hangs to No. 19.

Regionally, the Lady Mavs are fourth behind St. Cloud State, North Dakota State and Augustana.



# Mavs Face Do-or-Die Situation

**Baseball team must win at UNC**

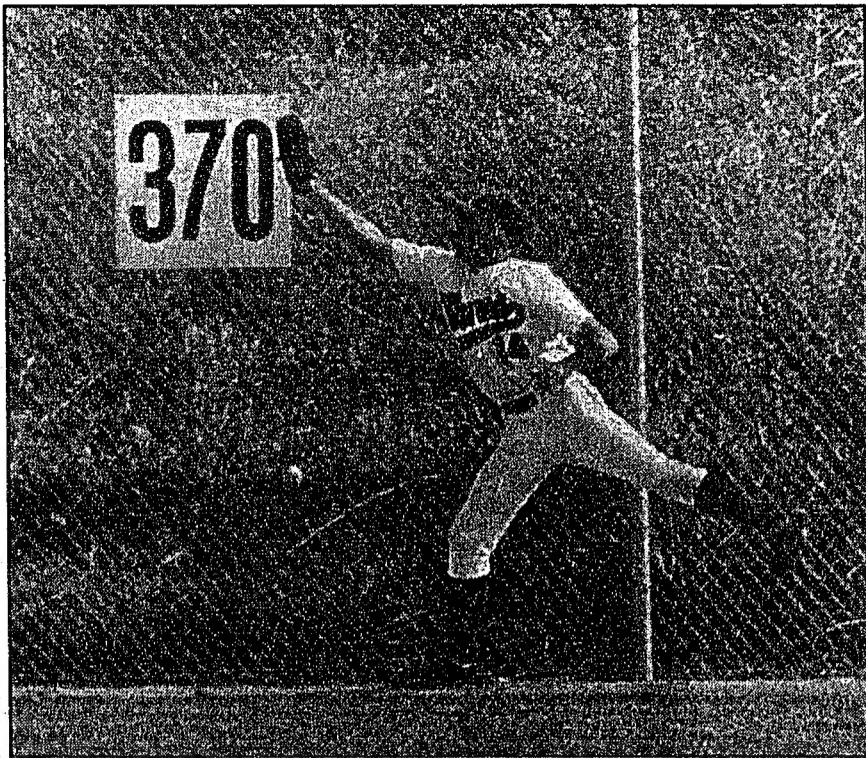


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Mav outfielder John Shoemaker stretches to make a catch near the fence but the ball drops behind him.

by Andy Nordmeier

The Mav baseball team leaves today for a crucial four-game series with Northern Colorado that will determine if they make the North Central Conference tournament.

The hitch is that the Mavs do need

some help to make the four-team field that will duke it out next weekend in Mankato, Minn.

"If we win all four games and South Dakota State wins all four of theirs, there's nothing we can do," Mav Head

Coach Bob Gates said.

That is due to the Jacks taking three of four from the Mavs here in Omaha at the start of the month; the Mavs would lose the head-to-head tie-breaker if the two teams ended up deadlocked.

The only thing for certain is that Northern Colorado has clinched a berth in the tournament and will use this weekend's games to hang on to their top seed in the tournament. Despite that, they will not let up against the Mavs.

"They're going to want to win for seeding," Gates said, "and to win the league."

There are a couple of rays of good news for the Mavs heading into the final weekend. First, Northern Colorado has lost a conference game this year at home; the team they lost to is last-place Augustana. The Mavs have also won five of their last six on the road as well.

The Mavs also have history on their side as they have won two of the three previous series between the schools. The highlight was a 14-6 win in the 1994 season that upset the then top-rated Bears.

The Mavs will send out their top four pitchers to try and throw their way into a playoff berth.

"Ryan Christenson and Carey Schrank will get the starts on Saturday," Gates said. "Sam Wageman and Adam Ford will start Sunday."

Some of the Mavs have been seen in the training room this week but the team should be healthy for the trip.

Should the Mavs miss the tournament, Sunday's rainout of a doubleheader with ninth-place South Dakota could have made the difference. Gates thinks the Mavs could have swept the series and improved on their standing in the league.

"This should be interesting," Gates said. "The fourth spot won't be determined until the last game at the last site."

## NCC Standings

NCC All Games

Northern Colorado	12-2	21-15
North Dakota	11-5	33-10
North Dakota State	10-6	23-11
South Dakota State	9-7	19-13
Mankato State	8-8	18-17
St. Cloud State	8-8	15-21
MAVS	7-7	17-14
Morningside	5-9	11-23
Augustana	4-12	10-19
South Dakota	2-12	6-24

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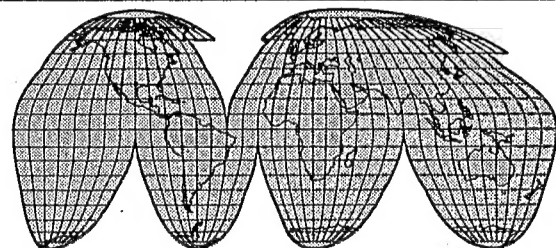
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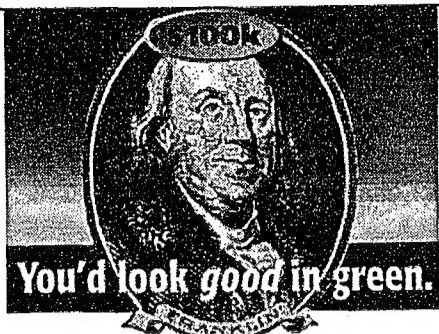
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# Lady Mavs in North Central Conference Tournament

## Softball team heads to Fargo

by Andy Nordmeier

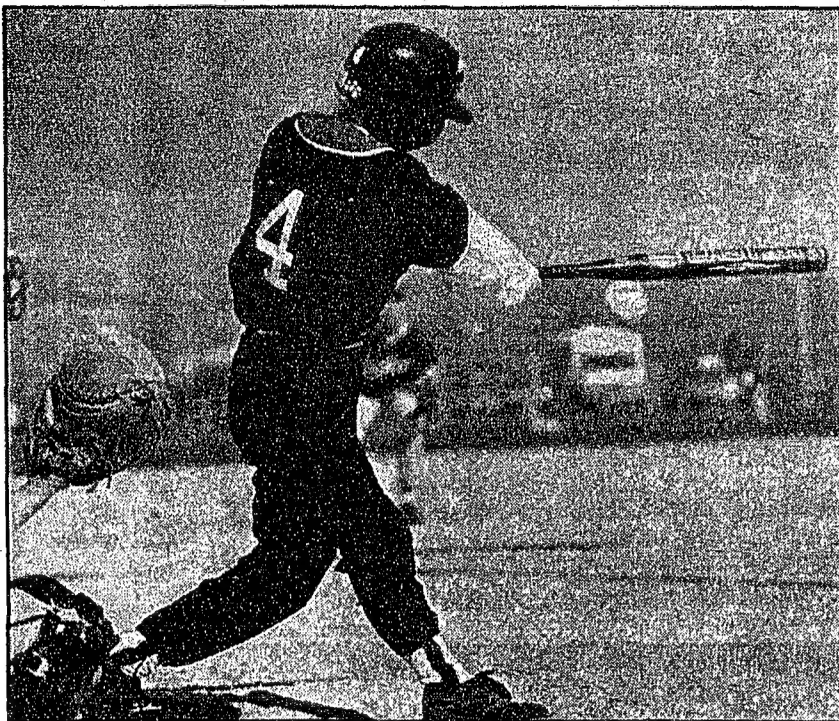
The Lady Mav softball team is going into this weekend's North Central Conference tournament looking to secure a spot in next weekend's regional playoffs.

The Lady Mavs (30-15) currently hold the fourth and final playoff berth with Augustana, North Dakota State and St. Cloud State as the top three seeds in the tournament and the region.

"We have to take it one game at a time and play the best ball that we can no matter who we're facing," Lady Mav outfielder Jeanne Howe said.

The Lady Mavs open with South Dakota (39-20) in an 11 a.m. game that is a rematch of a doubleheader from two weeks ago. The Lady Mavs split with South Dakota as five errors cost them the sweep.

The tournament is double



Lady Mav infielder Nicole Siemek connects with a pitch in the Godfathers' Tournament.

Photo by Chris Nachian

elimination and the first Lady Mav loss will drop them into a series of elimination games against virtually anyone. If the Lady Mavs drop the first game, they could play potentially five games on Saturday to win the conference championship.

"This is exciting because if we can beat them (South Dakota) right out of the chute, we can get another win," Howe said.

If the Lady Mavs win the opener, Augustana will most likely be the next opponent for the Lady Mavs. The Lady Mavs have locked horns with Augustana three times this season and won twice.

The Lady Mavs must be consistent in order to have a shot at advancing in the tournament. That has been a nagging issue all year long and must be resolved. If not, the Lady Mavs could drop down to fifth in the region (depending on how South Dakota fares) and miss the regionals for the first time in five years. Barring a change in the rankings, the regionals will be held in Sioux Falls S.D. next weekend at the campus of the Augustana Vikings. St. Cloud State and North Dakota State are other possible sites.

We have to be consistent," Lady Mav Pam Schaefer said. "We know we can beat these people. We have the same goal; we all want to win."

The pitching has been strong all season as the team has a combined 1.68 ERA in 280 innings and opponents are hitting .249 off the Lady Mavs. All three pitchers (Michelle Manthei, Tara Buzzell and Kelly Secord) should see action in the tournament.

The question is whether or not the offense can support them. Beth Abramson and Jeanne Howe will need to come through with strong hitting. Both are hitting over .380 with Abramson at .406 in 44 games this season. Most of the other starters are hitting around .300 on the season.

"We our on our way up," Howe said, "and we have to come out as a single unit."

## Tournament schedule:

Game 1: South Dakota State (25-26, eighth seed) vs. North Dakota (10-34, ninth seed).

Game 2: Winner of game one vs. Augustana (43-11, top seed, third in region).

Game 3: Lady Mavs (30-15, fourth seed, fourth in region) vs. South Dakota (39-20, fifth seed).

Game 4: North Dakota State (62-13, second seed, second in region) vs. Mankato State (23-25, sixth seed)

Game 5: St. Cloud State (36-12, third seed, first in region) vs. Morningside (26-22, sixth seed).

Game 6: Loser game one vs. Loser game four.

Game 7: Winner game six vs. Loser game five.

Game 8: Loser game two vs. Loser game three.

Game 9: Winner game two vs. Winner game three.

Game 10: Winner game four vs. Winner game five.

Game 11: Winner game seven vs. Loser game nine.

Game 12: Winner game eight vs. Loser game 10.

Game 13: Winner game 11 vs. Winner game 12.

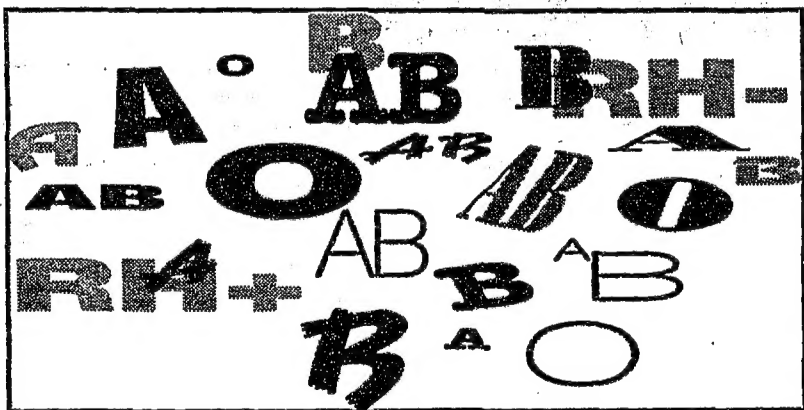
Game 14: Winner game nine vs. Winner game 10.

Game 15: Loser game 14 vs. Winner game 13.

Game 16: Winner game 14 vs. Winner game 15.

Game 17: (if necessary) Winner game 14 vs. Winner game 15.

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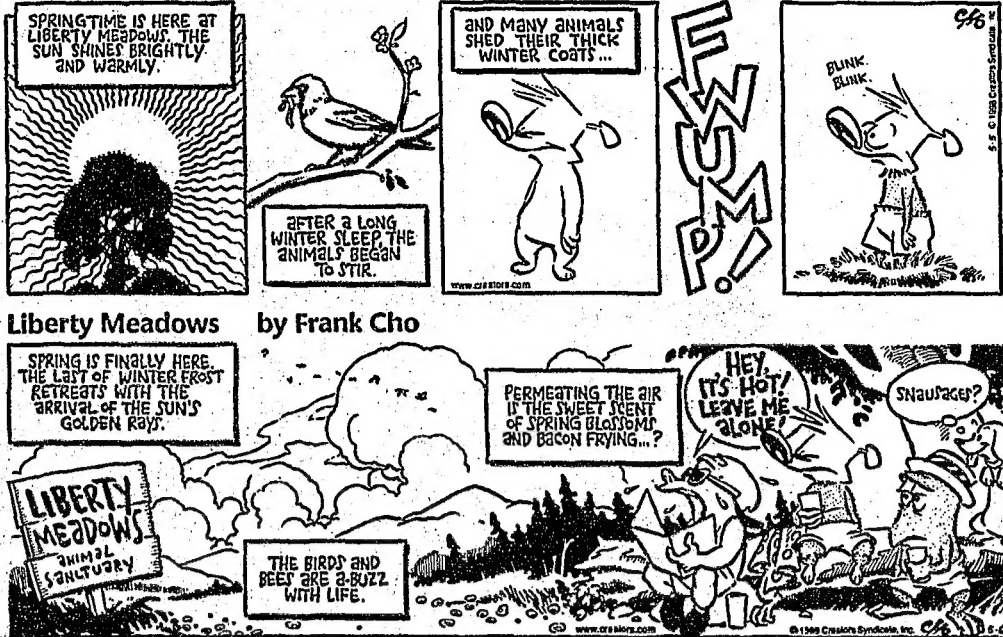


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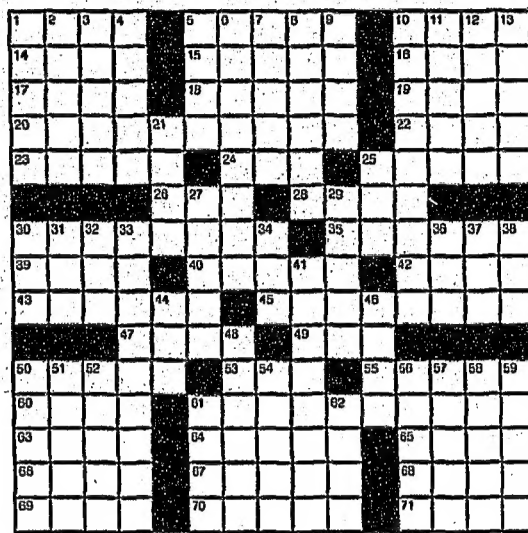


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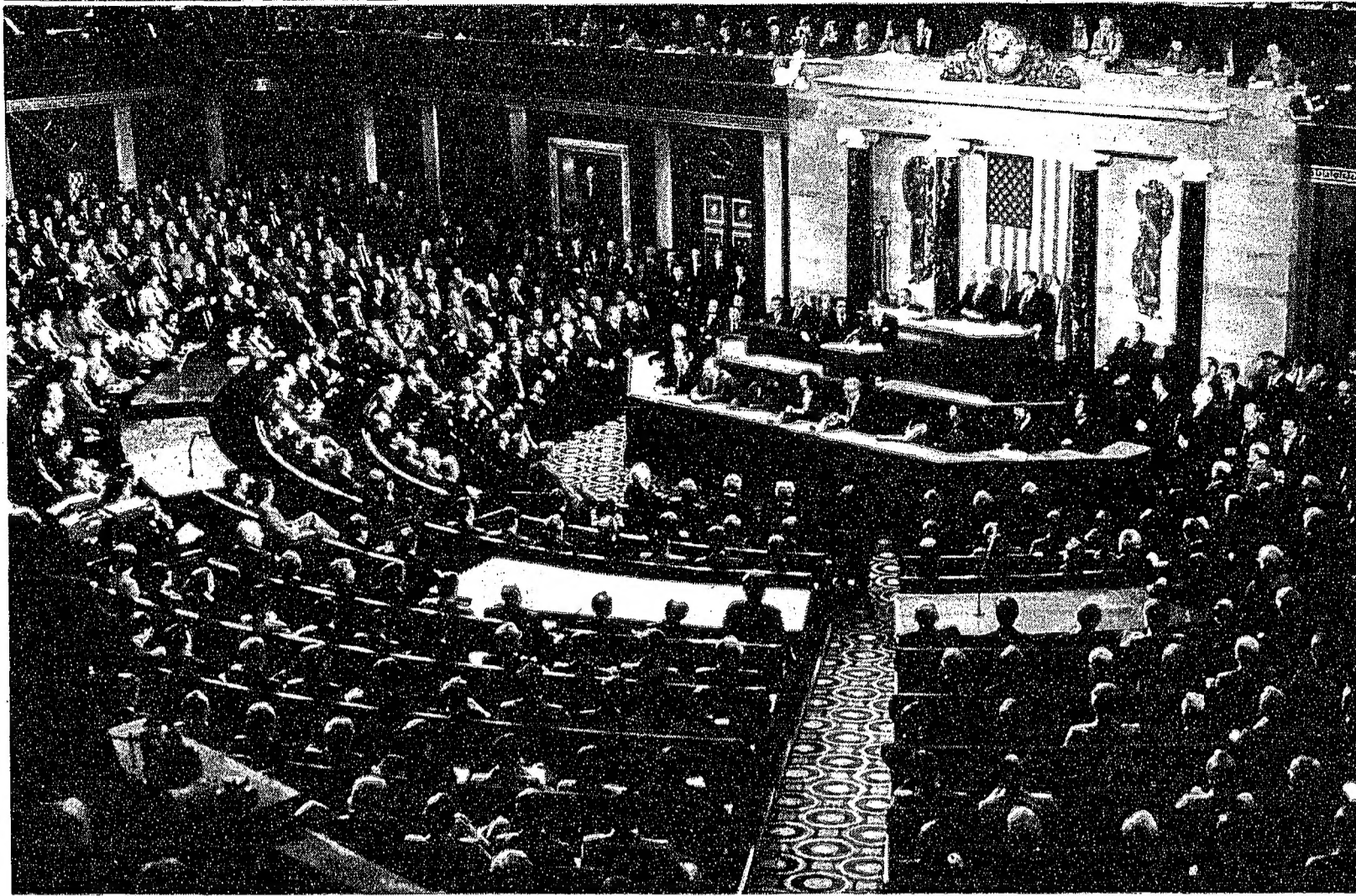
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